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BUDGETS

SB 556 (Johnson)

SCHOOL AID SUPPLEMENTAL

Total School Aid Fund cuts = \$22.5 million: 1) \$10 million from school district reserve funds. 2) \$5 million of the \$15 million additional grant money to the Detroit school district. 3) \$5 million of the \$55 million in funding to wealthier school districts. 4) \$2.5 million from small class size funding.

- The Senate did not concur with the House changes to SB 556 [RC 642: 0 yes, 38 no].

HB 4367 (Shulman)

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The proposed General Fund cuts (Total = \$54.6 million): 1) \$35 million line item administration cuts. 2) \$3 million in cuts to adult education for prisoners. 3) \$16.6 million in cuts to the sales tax portion of the Comprehensive Transportation Fund.

- The Senate did not concur with the House changes to HB 4367 [RC 643: 3 yes (Cassis, Cropsey, Sanborn), 35 no].

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 482 (Kuipers)

As passed by the House, Senate Bill 482 includes new language that requires that if a school board or school district enters into an energy savings performance contract, the bids shall provide a detailed breakdown of the energy savings to be derived; a description of the energy use savings task to be performed; the net cost; projected savings; useful life; and payback period.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 482 [RC 644: 35 yes, 2 no (Cassis, Patterson)]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 718 (Cassis)

The Village of Milford, in Oakland County, brought SB 718 forward. Apparently, the village has a municipal landfill that is leaching contaminants into local wells. The Village (and Milford Township) would like to use their local brownfield redevelopment authority to correct the problem, but cannot do so because they are the ones responsible for contaminating the site in the first place. Senate Bill 718, however, does not include any language that would specifically limit its application to Milford, so the Department of Environmental Quality did express concern that this change undermines the intent of this section of law.

The House adopted an amendment which would limit the bill to taxes collected beginning in the 2005 tax year. In addition, the amendment would limit the municipality to using collected taxes only for cleanup associated with a landfill, not other types of cleanup.

- Cassis 1 was adopted [no RC]. Technical change.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 718, as amended by the Senate [RC 645: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 814 (Toy)

Senate Bill 814 (and House Bill 5245) are identical. The bills would amend the Single Business Tax Act to double the apprenticeship credit for apprentices in the tool and die industry. Current law limits apprenticeship credits to \$2,000 for each apprentice, regardless of the industry in question. HB 5245 would limit the credit for apprentices in the tool and die industry to \$4,000, beginning in the 2004 tax year.

The Department of Treasury estimates these bills would cost approximately \$700,000; the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies estimate that the change would cost approximately \$100,000.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 814 [RC 646: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 820 (BARCIA)

Senate Bill 820 changes the Single Business Tax act by adding the term “distressed business.” It also extends the sunset date to December 31, 2009.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 820 [RC 647: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 821 (Garcia)

Senate Bill 821 requires that the taxpayer shall attach to its annual return on which the credit is claimed a statement prepared by a certified public accountant verifying that the actual number of the new jobs created is the same as the number of new jobs used to calculate the credit under this section. It also extends the sunset date to December 31, 2009.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 821 [RC 648: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 825 (Allen)

Senate Bill 825 would amend the Michigan Renaissance Zone act by adding that the Michigan Strategic Fund may designate not more than 20 tool and die renaissance zones within the state not to exceed 15 years.

- Allen 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 825, as substituted by the Senate [RC 649: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 834 (Bishop)

Senate Bill 834 would create the Michigan Early Stage Venture Capital Investment Corporation.

- Bishop 1 (S-6) was defeated [no RC].
- Bishop 2 (S-7) was adopted [no RC].
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 834, as substituted by the Senate [RC 650: 38 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 835 (George)

The total amount of all certified SBT credits for all taxpayers for all years could not exceed \$150 million. The total amount of all credits authorized for any one year could not exceed \$30 million.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 835 [RC 651: 36 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

HB 4236 (Ehardt)

House Bill 4236 would add Respiratory Therapists as a registered health profession in Michigan. This bill would create a registry of persons who offer respiratory therapy services and who have met certain basic qualifications. Registration provides a means for the public to know where such services can be obtained, and it provides a way for such organizations as health departments to contact the practitioners about new regulations, training opportunities, etc.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to HB 4236 [RC 652: 36 yes, 1 no].

FINAL PASSAGE

HB 4249 (GLEASON)

House Bill 4249 would prohibit the public display of an autopsy photograph of a decedent that identifies the decedent by name, face, or other identifying feature.

- HB 4249 passed with IE [RC 661: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 4825 (Steil)

ELECTION CONSOLIDATON BILL

12/11:

- *Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].*
- *Hammerstrom 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Breaks tie-bar.*
- *HB 4825 was moved to 3rd Reading.*

- *HB 4825 passed [RC 619: 38 yes, 0 no].*

12/17:

- *Hammerstrom 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].*
- *HB 4825 passed with IE [RC: 653: 37 yes, 0 no].*

HB 4914 (Palsrok)

House Bill 4914 would instruct the Department of State on the appropriate use for money received from the sale of the Great Lakes protection specialty watercraft decal. Of the \$35 collected, \$10 would remain with the Department of State to design and produce the sticker and the remaining \$25 would go to the State Treasurer for deposit into the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund. Support: DEQ, MEC.

- *HB 4914 passed with IE [RC 668: 38 yes, 0 no].*

HB 5168 (Ward)

House Bill 5168 changes the language of SB 520 (passed into law earlier this year) regarding the date for filing the affidavit regarding principal residence; changing the date from Dec. 31 to May 1.

- *Cassis 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].*
- *HB 5168 passed with IE [RC 660: 37 yes, 1 no (Birkholz)].*

HB 5216 (TOBOCMAN)

HB 5217 (McCONICO)

HB 5218 (DANIELS)

HB 5219 (Howell)

HB 5220 (Gaffney)

HB 5224 (HOOD)

This package of bills is necessary to give cities the tools to more swiftly deal with blighted properties by allowing an administrative hearings bureau to handle cases involving blighted properties. These bills do not create new infractions or penalties, but create a new way to adjudicate blight violations.

Support: The City of Detroit, Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, MI Chamber of Commerce, MI Municipal League, City of Grand Rapids, and the City of Dearborn.

House Bill 5216 would allow the legislative body of a city to adopt “blight” violation ordinances. The city may designate only a violation of any of the following types of ordinances as a blight violation: 1) zoning; 2) building or property maintenance; 3) solid waste and illegal dumping; 4) disease and sanitation; 5) noxious weeds; 6) vehicle abandonment, inoperative vehicles, vehicle impoundment, and municipal vehicle licensing.

- *HB 5216 passed with IE [RC 662: 38 yes, 0 no].*

House Bill 5217 would allow a city to obtain a lien against property involved in a blight violation if a defendant does not pay fines within 30 days after the date on which the payment was due.

- *HB 5217 passed with IE [RC 663: 38 yes, 0 no].*

House Bill 5218 would provide that a city may allow an administrative hearings bureau (created in HB 5216) to adjudicate alleged violations of ordinances and impose sanctions

- **HB 5218 passed with IE [RC 664: 38 yes, 0 no].**

House Bill 5219 would clarify blight violations in cities, townships, or villages that establish an administrative hearings bureau and specify prosecutorial responsibilities for such blight violations.

- **HB 5219 passed with IE [RC 665: 38 yes, 0 no].**

House Bill 5220 would provide that local officials shall impose a civil fine or other legal sanction for a municipal civil infraction or a blight violation.

- **HB 5220 passed with IE [RC 666: 38 yes, 0 no].**

House Bill 5224 would allow a township, city, or village which has established an administrative hearings bureau to designate the refusal to destroy noxious weeds as a blight violation.

- **HB 5224 passed with IE [RC 667: 38 yes, 0 no].**

HB 5221 (Wenke)

Part of the budget deal, House Bill 5221 provides for an equity assessment on non-participating tobacco manufacturers of 35 cents per pack. It is admitted that many of these tobacco companies do not properly pay their taxes and this will help with enforcement. The bill is expected to raise \$2.8 million in 2003-04.

- **HB 5221 passed with IE [RC 670: 30 yes, 8 no].**

HB 5246 (Farhat)

HB 5255 (Acciavatti)

House Bill 5246 would amend the Single Business Tax (SBT) Act to: 1) Extend to December 31, 2009, the ability of the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) to award certain tax credits. 2) Require a taxpayer who claimed a credit to verify the actual number of new jobs created, if requested by MEGA. 3) Transfer some powers pertaining to SBT credits from the Department of Treasury to MEGA and from the State Treasurer to the MEGA chairperson.

- **HB 5246 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.**
- **HB 5246 passed with IE [RC 656: 37 yes, 0 no].**

House Bill 5255 extends to December 31, 2009, the ability of the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) to grant SBT tax credits. This bill would also require that each year a firm claims a credit, it must attach to its annual return on which the credit is claimed a statement prepared by a certified public accountant verifying that the actual number of new jobs used to calculate the credit claimed for the tax year.

- **Committee 1 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].**
- **HB 5255 was moved to 3rd Reading.**
- **HB 5255 passed with IE [RC 655: 37 yes, 0 no].**

HB 5247 (LaJoy)

HB 5254 (Nitz)

House Bill 5247 provides that if a school district, intermediate school district (ISD), or public school academy allowed institutions of higher education access to school facilities or activities, in order to provide pupils with information about educational, vocational, or apprenticeship opportunities, the board of the school district or ISD, or the board of directors of the public school academy would have to allow the same access to representatives of associations, to provide information about skilled trades training and apprenticeship programs.

- HB 5247 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5247 passed with IE [RC 658: 37 yes, 0 no].

House Bill 5254 would amend the Michigan Broadband Development Authority Act to require that priority be given to the application of any broadband developer who applied to develop broadband capability within a “recovery zone” designated in the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act (pursuant to Senate Bill 825).

- HB 5254 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5254 passed with IE [RC 657: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5265 (Bisbee)

House Bill 5265 would increase the amount of Great Lakes Water Quality bonds that may be issued in any year. Under the Great Lakes Water Quality Bond Authorization Act (which took effect May 30, 2002), the State must borrow up to \$1 billion and issue general obligation bonds to finance sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects, and non-point source projects that improve the State’s water quality. Currently, not more than 10% of the bonds may be issued in any year; the bill would permit up to 20% of the bonds to be issued in a one-year period.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 5265 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5265 passed with IE [RC 671: 38 yes, 0 no].

HB 5270 (Nofs)

House Bill 5270 provides a structure for a revolving loan program which would serve local units of government and Brownfield redevelopment authorities. The House amended the bill to add more specificity around the requirements for the loan. This bill is the same as SB 806 as amended by the House.

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- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 5270 was moved to 3rd Reading.

12/11:

- HB 5270 passed with IE [RC 605: 37 yes, 0 no].

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- Birkholz 1 (3 amends) was adopted [no RC]. Technical amendments.
- HB 5270 passed with IE [RC 654: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5306 (Wenke)

House Bill 5306 would create the Office of Manufacturing Czar within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The manufacturing czar would be required to do all of the following: 1) Devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs in this state. 2) Implement the portions of the department's strategic plan that address manufacturing job creation and retention in this state. 3) Coordinate all programs within the department to create and retain manufacturing jobs in this state. 4) Coordinate programs across government to create and retain manufacturing jobs in this state. 5) Aid and assist manufacturers in this state. 6) Work to create a business environment that encourages and sustains manufacturing in this state. 7) Work to empower manufacturers to take advantage of the opportunities the market offers in this state.

Support: Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Oppose: Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

- **HB 5306 passed [RC 669: 22 yes, 16 no (DEMS)]. Sen. Jacobs: This is micro-management of the administration. Immediate Effect was defeated given to the bill [no RC].**

HB 5322 (Amos)

House Bill 5322 would amend the Income Tax Act to allow an income tax credit, for tax years beginning after 2009 and before 2020, for a “claimant” or for a taxpayer to whom a certificate and remaining single business tax (SBT) credit amount had been transferred under the SBT Act (pursuant to Senate Bill 835).

Support: Department of Treasury, Michigan Venture Capital, Small Business Association of Michigan, Automation Alley Tech Center in Troy.

- **HB 5322 was moved to 3rd Reading.**
- **HB 5322 passed with IE [RC 659: 38 yes, 0 no].**

THIRD READING

SB 826-27 (Goschka)

Senate Bill 826 will repeal an outdated (1903) law dealing with the Saginaw board of auditors and their duties, and allow Saginaw County to operate the same way as the other 82 counties. The county will be able to conform to uniform standards and operate more efficiently.

- **SB 826 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.**

Senate Bill 827 will repeal an outdated (1905) law dealing with the Saginaw board of supervisors and their manner of voting, and allow Saginaw County to operate the same way as the other 82 counties. The county will be able to conform to uniform standards and operate more efficiently.

- **SB 827 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.**

HB 4299 (Shackleton)

House Bill 4299 would increase the allowable estate amount to \$40,000, with a provision allowing a county board of commissioners to pass a resolution exempting the county from the required increase. Current law

requires counties to provide a \$300 burial allowance for veterans or their wives if the veteran and his wife have an estate not exceeding \$25,000.

- HB 4299 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 4439 (Bradstreet)

House Bill 4439 would modify the current Wireless E911 fee and remove the sunset on the fee. The fee will still sunset, along with the entire act, on December 31, 2006. This fee is used to provide funds to become compliant, as well as to operate 911 call centers. The fee is currently \$.52 on each cell phone with a billing address in Michigan. \$.265 of the fee goes to local Public Safety Answering Points: \$.10 is split equally between all counties; \$.15 is given to counties on a per capita basis; and \$.015 is used to fund PSAP training.

Support: SBC, Verizon, Michigan Association of Counties, Cingular.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4439 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 5022 (Nitz)

House Bill 5022 would change current law (which provides for police and fire protection in townships and villages, and in cities with a population under 15,000), to allow township police and fire administrative board members to receive per diem compensation as determined by the township board, as well as actual and necessary expenses.

Support: MI Township Association, Supervisor of Lincoln Charter Twp.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 5022 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 5172 (Stakoe)

House Bill 5172 would clarify a subsection in the law to allow cemeteries that were in receivership prior to the enactment of this law. There is a cemetery in Oakland County that has been in receivership for years and this bill would allow for the cemetery to utilize this law.

- HB 5172 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.

HB 5221 (Wenke)

House Bill 5221 is part of the budget deal. It provides for an equity assessment on non-participating tobacco manufacturers of 35 cents per pack. It is admitted that many of these tobacco companies do not properly pay their taxes and this will help with enforcement. This may raise approximately \$2.9 million.

- Sikkema 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Technical changes.
- Sikkema 2 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Technical changes.
- HB 5221 was moved to 3rd Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 187 (OLSHOVE)

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to grant a federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association.

- SR 187 was adopted [no RC].